

August 2008 Meeting—Minutes



California Environmental Education Interagency Network (CEEIN)

Date	August 21, 2008
Time	9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Location	Cal/EPA Headquarters Building, 1001 I Street (Corner of 10th and I streets), Conf. Room 230
Lead	Andrea Lewis
Note taker	Nita Davidson
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Attendance

Jessica Alarcon, Calif. Conservation Corps
 Nita Davidson, DPR
 Chris Graillat, Calif. Energy Commission
 Nina Gordon, Calif. State Parks
 Shiloh Hepper, ARB (for Ed Wong)
 Sharon Jang, U.S. EPA
 Susan Knadle, OEHHA

Roni Java, CIWMB
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 Andrea Lewis, Cal/EPA (meeting lead)
 Betsy Magladry, DFG
 Tina Muncie, Dept. of Conservation
 Sandra Salazar-Thompson, SWRCB
 Cheryl Williams, CIWMB

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1.	Check in and catch up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome & Introductions • Review Agenda • Approve July 2008 Minutes • Update Outstanding Action Items 	Ed	9:30– 9:40	Shiloh Hepper is filling in for Ed Wong . July minutes approved.
2.	Guest Speaker: Ms. Sheng Lin , Internship Advisor, UC Sacramento Center, Sacramento	Sheng Lin	9:40– 10:15	Ms. Lin gave a presentation on the UC Center Sacramento Scholar Intern Program. The Center began in 2003 as a pilot program and is now well established. Over 360 students have completed the program. Students gain firsthand experience with agencies involved with policy-making, and the capitol community benefits by connecting with UC's expertise. Any qualified (≥ 3.0 GPA) UC student, third year and above, can participate. Students of any major fill out an application, go through interviews, and submit letters of recommendation and writing samples. Internships are set up according to the student's interests. Students earn academic credit and come from any of the ten UC campuses. There are four internship sessions, about 20 students per quarter, and students work a minimum of 24 hours per week. They also attend seminars and special events, and ultimately produce a policy analysis paper and give a presentation. Most students are placed in the legislature, but there are also placements in state agencies, local government, and nonprofit organizations. See http://uccs.universityofcalifornia.edu
3.	Committee Reports & Discussion Administration & Organization Leadership & Legislation	Committee leads & members	10:15– 10:25	Tina asked for Phaedra: Has anyone received an exemption for printing services to use a vendor other than OSP, now that we need exemptions for printing? Also, Tina will research the CEEIN Admin handbook and find out if our bylaws prohibit us from adding a new rule about quorums (i.e., 11-person minimum) and holding informal meetings if we don't have a

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	Disney's Environmentality Challenge			<p>quorum. Should we discuss this topic at the September meeting and vote on it, or should Tina poll the group via e-mail and conduct an online vote?</p> <p>Andrea announced that she cannot lead the L&L Committee for now because of other commitments.</p> <p>Andrea talked to Christiane. DEC is undergoing substantial changes.</p>
4.	<p>Miscellaneous Topics Education & the Environment Initiative (EEI)</p> <p>Radio Disney</p>	<p>Andrea & Cheryl</p> <p>Chris</p>	<p>10:25–10:50</p>	<p>The number of curriculum units produced has been adjusted from 150 to 85. The initial goal of 150 units was unrealistic because the drafters of the bill overestimated the connections between the environmental concepts and units. Some units have been combined. There's also some stalling because of the budget situation. Teachers involved in field testing love the units. Despite the overwhelmingly positive reaction, some teachers respond that the lessons take longer to teach than anticipated, and some vocabulary may be inaccessible. These concerns are being addressed.</p> <p>Maryanne Ciaraglia from Radio Disney wants to assist CEEIN with marketing of our programs. We'll have a presentation on this at our September meeting.</p>
5.	What's New in Your World	All	10:50–11:20	<p>Betsy received funding to collaborate with PLT and provide training to managers in different regions. This will start in September. Betsy also announced that the Friday (October 10) before the American River Salmon Festival is dedicated to working with fourth grade classes. Students visit one of four different sites and participate in activities focusing on salmon. Most of the students are already familiar with the salmon life cycle because it's part of the fourth grade curriculum. (If you'd like to volunteer to help out, contact Betsy at 322-8974.)</p> <p>Nina will attend the California Biodiversity Council meeting in Oakland on October 8–9, <i>Children in Nature</i>. Attendance is free if you're interested, although there's limited space. Nina will also attend a meeting in Boise sponsored by the National Association of State Park Directors. The focus is on bridging the gap between natural resource management and the digital age, with a few programs connecting children's nature awareness with technology.</p> <p>Sharon described the President's Environmental Youth Awards sponsored by U.S. EPA since 1971 (http://www.epa.gov/enviroed/peya/index.html). Each year, up to ten winning projects are selected. The awards encourage individuals, school classes, summer camps, youth organizations and public interest groups to promote environmental awareness. One limitation is publicity; last year there were only seven applicants for Region 9.</p> <p>Sandra passed out a brochure on the impacts of salt build-up in Central Valley soil. Excessive salinity is the topic for a new public television documentary, <i>Salt of the Earth: Salinity in California's Central Valley</i>, which should be shown in Sacramento soon, and is a collaboration among SWRCB, the Water Education Foundation, and the California Water Institute.</p> <p>Tina mentioned that school assemblies are on hold until the</p>

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				budget is passed. The Recycling Challenge is proceeding. The winner this year was a kindergarten class in Ventura that collected over 25,000 cans. Contact Kathy Strickley for more information on the Challenge.
6.	Meeting Wrap-up Clarify Action Items Pending Items/Parking Lot Develop September Meeting Agenda Evaluate Meeting	Andrea	11:20– 11:30	Sandra is the lead for the September meeting. She'll try to get a speaker to discuss the salinity in the Central Valley issue. We also may discuss our strategy about holding meetings when we don't have a quorum.

Meeting Protocol Agreements

- Start and end meetings on time; stay on track on agenda.
- Listen and treat others' opinions with respect.
- Keep commitments to agreements and assignments (i.e., follow-up, time frames, due dates).
- Make participation in the meeting your priority; keep cell phones on vibrate and only accept emergency calls (outside the meeting room).
- A quorum of 11 CEEIN Members is needed to hold a meeting.
- For major decisions, if consensus can't be reached, the issue will be put to a vote of the CEEIN members present at the following meeting.
- Make a conscious effort to conduct the meeting in an environmentally friendly manner.